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AMENDMENT

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This paper addresses the Office Action dated March 3, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the section captioned "ABSTRACT", and replace such deleted section with the following replacement section:

b1 --A combined spring-and-shock-absorber system for supporting wheel suspensions or axles on a vehicle body has a tubular roll bellows (U-bellows) arranged between a wheel-bearing or wheel-controlling connection and a connection on the vehicle body side, the bellows being arranged between an outer bell and a rolling piston, the outer bell and the rolling piston, in each case, having at least partially varying diameters over the height of the corresponding component, and having walls that contact the tubular roll bellows. Both ends of the tubular roll bellows being sealingly secured on the rolling piston at segments having different diameters, the lower mounting section having a larger diameter than the upper mounting section. For this purpose, a tubular roll bellows is used, which is configured as a differential